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NEWBERRY

ARMSTRONG

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	NEWBERRY (18-13)	25	18	15	23	1	
	ARMSTRONG (31-1)	21	25	25	25	3	





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**WINGATE, N.C.** - The No. 17-ranked Armstrong Atlantic State University volleyball squad shook off a rough first set to defeat Newberry, 3-1, in the first round of the 2013 NCAA Division II Volleyball Southeast Regional on Thursday afternoon at Cuddy Arena in Wingate, N.C. Set scores were: 21-25, 25-18, 25-15, 25-23.

The Pirates (31-1) advance to face Flagler, 3-0 winners over Queens (NC) on Thursday, in the Region Semifinal at 4:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon. Newberry ends its season at 18-13 after advancing to the NCAA Championships for the third straight season.

A big service run by senior **Christina Chow** staked the Pirates to an 11-5 lead in the first set, but Newberry's Samantha Parrish answered with a service run of her own to draw the Wolves back into the set. With Armstrong leading 15-13, Newberry scored eight of the next 10 points to take a 21-17 lead and eventually win the set. Armstrong hit just .053 in the set and the Wolves had three service aces.

The second set was all Pirates from the start as senior **Jessica Santaniello** served eight straight points as Armstrong built a 9-2 lead and cruised to the 25-18 victory. In the third set, the Pirates scored 15 of 17 points in one stretch, building a 16-8 lead and eventaullly taking a two sets to one lead.

GAME LEADERS		
NEWBERRY		
K: 2 Players (#1, #3) - 7		
B: Alexis Horton - 4		
D: 2 Players (#3, #22) - 14		
SA: Rachel Moran - 4		
ARMSTRONG		
K: <b>Jessica Santaniello</b> - 14		
B: 2 Players ( <b>#7</b> , <b>#19</b> ) - 6		
D: <b>Jessica Santaniello</b> - 23		
SA: <b>Jessica Santaniello</b> - 4		
TEAM STATS		
NEWBERRY		ARMSTRONG
.081	Hitting %	.151
9.0	Blocks	12.0
55	Digs	71



The fourth set was back and forth and hinged on a pair of pivotal runs. With the score tied at 8-all, Armstrong again got a strong service run from Chow and built a 13-8 lead. Newberry would cut the lead to one at 19-18, but a kill by freshman **Emily Wylie** sparked a four-point run to put the Pirates ahead 23-18. The Wolves fought back again to one point, 24-23, but a kill from senior **Kristen Holmes** would finish off the match for the Pirates.

9	Aces	10
FULL STATS		

Santaniello had a great all-around day as the PBC's Player of the Year finished with a match-high 14 kills to go with 23 digs, four service aces and three blocks. Junior **Stephanie Sfara** added 12 kill sand 15 digs, while Holmes hit .348 with 12 kills and six blocks. Senior **Megan Pando** delivered 48 assists, including notching her 3,000th career assist in the second set.

Newberry was led by seven kills apiece from Logan Hayward and Samantha Parrish, 14 assists from Chelsea Mayor and 14 digs from Parrish.

Armstrong had 12 team blocks and 10 service aces, while Newberry had nine team blocks and nine service aces. The Pirates hit .151 as a team for the match with the Wolves hitting .081.



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